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Important Alert: New Law Requiring Proof of Citizenship and Identity

Dear Recipient:

You now receive health care benefits from the State of Maryland's Children's Health Program or Medical Assistance Program (for example, HealthChoice, the Primary Adult Care Program, and all waiver programs). After **July 1, 2006**, if you declare you are a U.S. Citizen, a new federal law requires you to provide proof of your United States citizenship and your identity.

You will need to provide proof of both your citizenship and identity to your caseworker at the local department of social services or local health department at your next redetermination. You should receive your redetermination package soon. Your eligibility for health care benefits may end if you do not provide documentation by the stated due date. However, your eligibility for health care benefits will continue as long as you work with your caseworker and are trying to get acceptable documents to prove your citizenship and identity.

Your caseworker may be able to assist you in obtaining those documents. **If you have questions about these new requirements, you can also call:**

1-800-492-5231 (toll free)

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame 1-800-492-5231.

If you have one of the following documents, you can provide it to prove **both Citizenship and Identity**. (If you were not born in the U.S. and were not a U.S. citizen at birth, you **must** provide one of these 3 documents.):

U.S passport (current or expired);
Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570); or
Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561).

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If you cannot provide one of those documents, you will need to provide one document from each column below:

Proof of Citizenship	Proof of Identity
U.S. birth certificate	<p>Photo ID: driver's license or MVA ID card, school ID, government ID</p> <p>U.S. military ID card or draft record</p> <p>For children under 16 only: school record, nursery or daycare record, or written affidavit signed by parent or guardian (only acceptable if a written statement was not used as proof of citizenship)</p>
Certificate of citizen born abroad: DS-1350, FS-240, FS-545	
ID card for naturalized citizen living in Mexico or Canada: I-179 or I-197	
Final adoption decree for child born in U.S.	
Evidence of U.S. civil service employment before 6/1/76	
Military service record showing U.S. place of birth	
For children under 16 only: record on hospital letterhead or other medical record, created near the date of birth and showing the U.S. place of birth (not including an immunization record)	
Federal or state census record for 1900-1950 showing U.S. citizenship or U.S. place of birth as well as age	
Record showing U.S. place of birth, if created at least 5 years before initial Medical Assistance or MCHP application: record on hospital letterhead or other medical record established at the time of birth; institutional admission papers; signed statement by physician or midwife who attended the birth; Vital Statistics official notice of birth registration; life, health, or other insurance record	
An affidavit (written statement signed under penalty of perjury), which is signed by two individuals who are both citizens and have personal knowledge of the recipient's citizenship. One of the individuals signing must <i>not</i> be related to the recipient. A third affidavit, which is signed by you or your representative, to explain why there is no proof available.	

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